

Community engagement

We are committed to a community-led regeneration and estate renewal programme which is genuinely shaped and informed by local people; those who live and work in Milton Keynes, local councillors, business owners, and service providers.

We will take a different approach to community engagement, one which is wholly inclusive of all community stakeholders. We will engage as widely as possible, working with parish and town councils, **Milton Keynes Council's recognised** residents' associations (**if one exists in the renewal estate**), ward councillors and all other interested stakeholders such as local schools, businesses, faith groups and voluntary organisations.

For those estates prioritised by the Council for renewal, we will work with and support each community to establish Estate Renewal Forums. Each forum will select their own priorities from the six key themes contained within the strategy and establish subgroups to lead on the selected themes. The forums and subgroups, made up of community stakeholders, will be supported by a Community Engagement Officer and will be the main avenues for engagement. They will be supported by the Council and other relevant organisations, **including independent advisors, where appropriate**, to co-create and deliver effective plans and programmes of work. This engagement approach will give local people a level playing field in shaping proposals and ensure that estate renewal and regeneration is genuinely community-led.

COVID-19 is impacting on how we engage. We cannot rely on traditional methods of face to face engagement but recognise that digital engagement could exclude some community members from taking part. Through our early discussions with stakeholders, we will agree the community engagement requirements and develop a range of opportunities so that everyone can be involved.